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PORT TUBE AND CLOSURE,  
STRUCTURE AND ASSEMBLY  
FOR A FLOWABLE MATERIAL  
CONTAINER

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, a list of documents is disclosed on the attached form PTO-1449 that may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration. No inference should be drawn that the attached list represents a comprehensive investigation of the prior art; that any or all are pertinent to the invention; or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited on the attached PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

The enclosed references were cited in the International Search Report mailed May 27, 2002, in corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US 02/00299, a copy of which is enclosed. Only the references not previously cited by Applicant are enclosed. Applicant further encloses a check in the amount of \$180 in payment of the fee for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant does not believe any additional fee is due in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, the Commissioner is hereby

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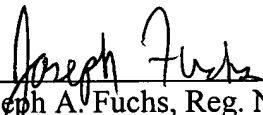
The identified patents and documents do not suggest or make obvious the claimed invention. Hence, allowance of the pending application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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